

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed
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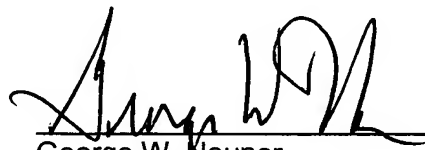
- X (1) within three (3) months of the filing date or
before the mailing date of the First Office Action on the merits; or
- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before
the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and
the requisite Certification or fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely
\$240.00 is included herein; or
- (3) after the mailing date of a Final Rejection
or Notice of Allowance but before the payment of the Issue Fee,
and the requisite Certification, petition, and petition fee are
included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-
1449 be made of record in this application.

Should any fee be associated with the submission of this paper, the Commissioner is
authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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